



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our communities and our State; and

**WHEREAS**, in Wisconsin there are more than 7,000 children and youth in foster care being cared for by foster families who provide safe, secure and loving homes on a short-term or long-term basis; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 5,000 Wisconsin foster families, who provide love and support to children, assist families in need, and give of themselves every day, deserve our respect and support both emotionally and financially; and

**WHEREAS**, many foster families commit themselves to creating permanent homes for children resulting in a continued need for more foster families; and

**WHEREAS**, various individuals, organizations, and communities across Wisconsin work together to support foster families, raise awareness of the needs of children in foster care, and support families in crisis;

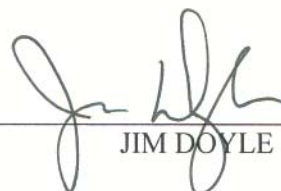
**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the month of **May 2005**, as

### **FOSTER FAMILY MONTH**

In the State of Wisconsin, and I urge all citizens to volunteer their talents and energies on behalf of children in foster care, foster parents, and the child welfare professional staff working with them during this month and throughout the year.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty first day of April in the year two thousand five.

  
JIM DOYLE

By the Governor

  
DOUGLAS L. LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State